Washington State House of Representatives Office of Program Research



Transportation Committee

HB 2684

Brief Description: Modifying time period and monetary limits on ferry vessel and terminal work by state forces.

Sponsors: Representatives Walkinshaw, Zeiger and Young; by request of Department of Transportation.

Brief Summary of Bill

• Increases the dollar threshold for work that may be performed on ferry vessels and terminals by state forces.

Hearing Date: 2/4/14

Staff: Paul Ingiosi (786-7114).

Background:

The Washington State Ferries (WSF) division of the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) operates and maintains ferry vessels and terminals, constructs terminals, and acquires vessels. The system serves eight Washington counties and one Canadian province through 22 vessels and 20 terminals.

As part of the marine highway system, the WSF is subject to a \$60,000 limit on work that can be performed by state forces on state highways. In 2010 the Legislature passed Engrossed Substitute House Bill 3209 which temporarily increased that amount to \$120,000 from March 15, 2010, through June 30, 2011. In the 2011-13 Transportation Budget (Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1175) that time period was extended through June 30, 2013.

Under current law, the WSF is again subject to the \$60,000 limit on work that can be performed by state forces on state highways.

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The bill would increase the dollar threshold for work that may be performed on ferry vessels and terminals by state forces from \$60,000 to \$200,000.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is

passed.